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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PBOR, ET, SO, US

SUBJECT: IMPLICATIONS FOR SOMALIA OF US ARMS DECISION

1. DURING CALL ON POLCOUNS JULY 29, SOMALI EMBASSY COUNSE-
LOR ABDI HAJI LIBAN EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION OVER US
DECISION ON ARMS TO SOMALIA. HE SAID SAUDI ARABIA HAD BEEN
EXERTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON GSDR TO ELIMINATE PRESENCE
SOVIET ADVISERS IN SOMALIA, BUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD
BEEN HESITANT TO MOVE, LACKING ANY FIRM INDICATION OF DE-
PENDABLE ALTERNATIVE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO DEFEND COUNTRY. AN-
NOUNCEMENTS BY US AND UK WERE SIGNALS GSDR HAD BEEN WAITING
FOR AND WOULD GREATLY ALLEVIATE SOMALIA'S POLICY

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DILEMMA. EMBOFF CAUTIONED LIBAN THAT AGREEMENT IN
PRINCIPLE WAS ONLY FIRST STEP, AND THAT MUCH WOULD
HAVE TO BE DONE AND CLARIFIED BEFORE DECISION COULD
BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTUAL ARMS SHIPMENTS. LIBAN
SAID HE APPRECIATED THAT, BUT IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS
THAT LOGJAM HAD BEEN BROKEN.

2. ABDI ALSO CONFIRMED THAT OAU HAD DELIVERED NOTE TO SOMALI EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO MOGADISCIO, INVITING GSDR TO PARTICIPATE IN OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE MEETING IN LIBREVILLE AUGUST 5 TO DISCUSS ETHIO-SOMALI DIFFERENCES. LIBAN WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO ATTEND, GIVEN FACT, AS HE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, THAT GSDR WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN OGADEN. ON OTHER HAND, GSDR MIGHT SHOW UP, IF ONLY TO DISCUSS DECREASE IN LEVEL OF PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES EMANATING FROM TWO CAPITALS. HE SEEMED UNCONCERNED OVER LIKELIHOOD THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD PRESENT CAPTURED SOMALI SOLDIERS, TANKS, PLANES, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF GSDR COMPLICITY IN OGADEN, AND MAINTAINED THAT EPMG WOULD ALREADY HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUCH EVIDENCE, IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY TO SHOW.

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